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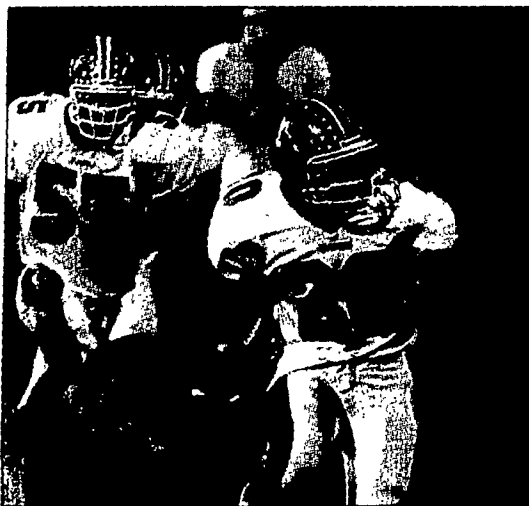
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### Hybrid Cuisine

In this week's "Chopping Block" a chef mixes Asian and Mexican cuisines to create the "Won Ton Taco." See page 19 for the recipe.



### First Down

Maine South's Jake Bachmeier heads for a first down in the opening quarter of their game against Glenbrook South Thursday night September 23. For the story, turn to page 17.

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# Cricket comes home

14-lbs silky terrier returns to Morton Grove home after five days at large

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Cricket, a Morton Grove resident and 14-lbs silky terrier returned home last week after a five-day sojourn that took him from his house near Georgiana and Lincoln to the Cook County Courthouse in Skokie.

Cricket's human roommates, Gerry and Suzanne, were glad to have him back.

"Even the pug was relieved to have him back," said Gerry. "She grew up with him."

The Mattinglys had owned the seven-year-old Cricket since he was a puppy. On Wednesday, Sept. 15 the front gate of their yard had not snapped shut, Gerry said, and at about 8:30 in the morning, their pug, Precious, jumped against it, popping it open.

"Both dogs ran across the street," Gerry said. "Precious came running back, but Cricket took off down Georgiana. Where he went after that, God only knows."

Cricket was spotted around 1 p.m. that day crossing Dempster at Central where he stopped traffic.

"There were several other possible sightings," Gerry said. "But none of them were



Cricket sneaks in a kiss onto the nose of his owner Gerry Mattingly while Gerry's wife Suzanne looks on.

confirmed."

After Cricket disappeared, the whole neighborhood became anxious as the Mattinglys posted signs all over Morton Grove with a photo of Cricket and their number. There was no word on Cricket through the end of the week.

But on Saturday, a woman from Jefferson Park was driving along Old Orchard Rd. when she saw something odd.

"She saw him running and wasn't sure if he was a rabbit or what," said Gerry. "She got out of her car and tried to catch him, but he wouldn't have that."

Cricket took off, but the woman jumped in her car, and sped in front of him. She then turned the car to block his path, stopping the car perpendicular to the road.

"She opened the door and he just jumped right in,"

Gerry said.

Cricket was filthy, full of burrs and branches that he had undoubtedly picked up during his five-day adventure. The woman took him back to her home, but not before having him groomed at a pet store.

"He spent the weekend with her," said Gerry. "She was able to track us down Monday by the rabies tag."

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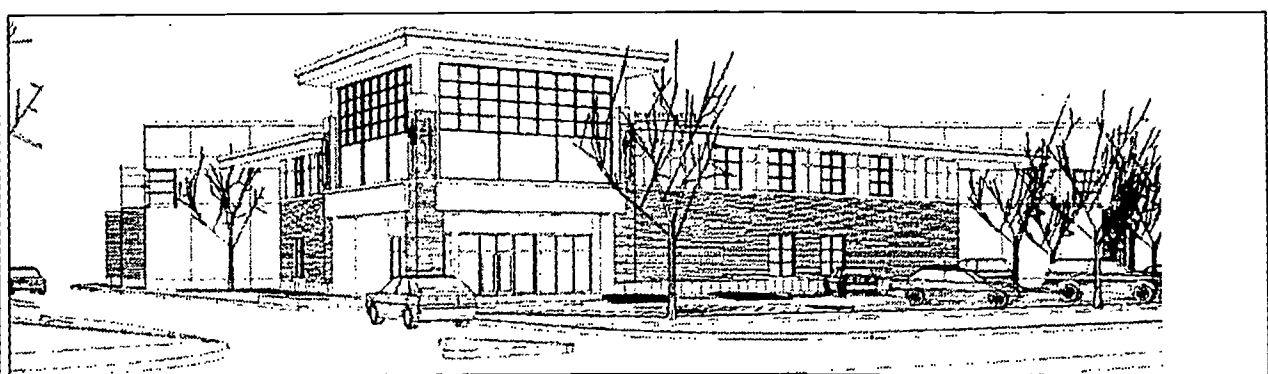
## Mosque witnesses questioned

MCC President says high school classes still a possibility at facility

Witnesses for the Mosque expansion to the Muslim Education Center (MEC) at 8601 Menard in Morton Grove were cross-examined by several interested parties at the second night of Plan Commission hearings on

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## Niles Park Board approves contract for construction of new gym

LoVerde: Design/Build option will speed construction

The Niles Park Board approved a contract with Wight and

Company in a special meeting last Friday to construct the new multi-purpose gymnasium planned for the former Moscow Nights property near the intersection of Howard and Caldwell.

The contract with Wight was

one of several options the Park District was considering for the construction of their newest facility. Director Joe LoVerde said that the design/build option, which

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## NEWS

## Niles police promoted

The Niles Police Department is pleased to announce the promotions of two dedicated veterans of the department.

Watch Commander Daniel Halley has been promoted to the rank of division commander. Division Commander Halley will assume command of the Patrol Division. He has been with the department since 1974.

Sergeant Anthony Fidanza has been promoted to the rank of watch commander and will assume command of the day watch (patrol shift). Commander Fidanza has been with the department since 1980 and was recently honored by the Niles village board for his heroic actions that saved the life of an accident victim by helping to pull her from a burning vehicle.



## A visit to D.C.

Maine Township elected officials attended a national conference earlier this month in Washington D.C. While in town they visited with Illinois legislators. Here in the front row, left to right, are Jan Provenzano, Arlene Warner, Trustee Carol Teschky, Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, and Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano. In the back row, 1 to 5, are Trustee Bill Bell, Clerk Gary K. Warner, John Teschky, Collector Audrey Nankervis, Eugenia Dudycz, and Supervisor Bob Dudycz.

Drivers wait less at Fernald, Dempster  
Traffic sensor recently repaired by IDOT

Drivers waiting for the light to change at Fernald and Dempster in Morton Grove will wait less time during peak hours because the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) repaired a sensor at the intersection.

Following a meeting of the village board when residents complained of long wait times at intersections along Dempster, the vil-

lage staff asked IDOT to inspect the intersections to see if a change in the signal timing at any of the intersections was warranted.

IDOT discovered that the sensor on Dempster at Fernald was broken, causing the intersection to default to the longest wait times possible, 120 seconds.

"It defaulted to the longest wait time," said Village Engineer Ryan Gillingham. "When it's set for peak

hours the cycle time is 120 seconds, that's when it doesn't detect cars on Fernald."

Now that the sensor is repaired, cars on Fernald shouldn't wait as long when traffic on Dempster isn't heavy. Those at the intersection during the day or night should notice a difference.

"Cars on Fernald may have been waiting longer than necessary," said Gillingham.

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## NEWS

## EDC committee nears recommendation

At Tuesday's meeting of the Park Ridge Economic Development Task Force, members began the final phase of their work toward a recommendation to Mayor Mike MaRous and the City Council. Based on a consensus of members present, Andrea Bateman, Alderman and Chair of the Task Force, will draft a policy statement which recommends establishment of a senior level city staff position to handle economic development duties.

The policy statement will also recommend formation of an advisory commission to work with the staff person on all economic development matters.

The Task Force is expected to vote on the final wording of its recommendation at its next meeting. The next meeting will likely be held in the next two weeks.

If approved, the formal recommendation would then go to the Mayor

and City Council for consideration. The Task Force would then likely disband.

If the recommendation is accepted by the City Council and implemented as presented, the funding for the current Economic Development Corporation (EDC) would cease in the near future. The EDC would then be left to raise its own funds to continue its very existence. Currently, the City funds the EDC with around \$80,000 per year. The EDC raises private funds which account for about 25% of its overall annual budget.

Sharon Curcio, the EDC Director, would likely have to move out of the free office space in City Hall since the City would not be supporting the EDC in any way.

Members of the Task Force envision that the senior staff person would report to the City Manager and use the advisory commission's expertise and advice on an as needed basis.

## Repairs to Lincoln rail crossing scheduled

Drivers passing over the tracks at the Morton Grove intersection of Lincoln and Lehigh may enjoy a smoother ride after repairs that Metra has tentatively scheduled to begin November 11.

According to Village Engineer Ryan Gillingham, Metra has allocated funding repairs to the crossing

that has resulted in resident calls since earlier this year.

"The repairs are still only tentative," said Gillingham. "If there was an emergency or if equipment breaks down it could delay the repairs."

If all goes as planned, the crossing repairs will take seven days, ending the following Thursday, Nov. 18.



The Niles Park Board approved the purchase of a 15-passenger bus at their last meeting Tuesday, Sept. 21. The bus will help transport camp counselors and participants. Pictured above with the new bus are Commissioners Bill Terpinas & Chuck Barbaglia, President Jim Hynes, Vice President Elaine Heinen and Executive Director Joe LoVerde.

## Niles Park District purchases new bus

The Niles Park Board approved the purchase of a 15-passenger bus from the Des Plaines Senior Center at their last meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 21. The bus will provide much-needed transportation for the Park District's many camp participants and employees.

"We've needed transportation in the past and the village of Niles has been very helpful in providing it," said Park District Director Joe

LoVerde. "But we needed an additional bus for the kids and the counselors."

The District was able to purchase the three-year-old bus for \$20,000. It had about 16,000 miles on it, but going with a used vehicle saved over \$10,000, LoVerde said.

"There were no problems with the vehicle," he said. "It was a great opportunity."

The Des Plaines Senior Center even loaned the District the vehicle

for a week so that mechanics could check it out. After the purchase it was re-lettered with the words "Niles Park District" and a couple of American flags were painted on it.

"Now all that's left is for us to train a couple of employees to operate the chair lift and drive the bus," LoVerde said.

Only two employees will be trained to operate the manual-transmission vehicle.

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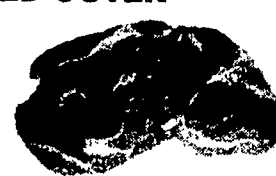
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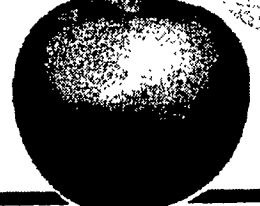


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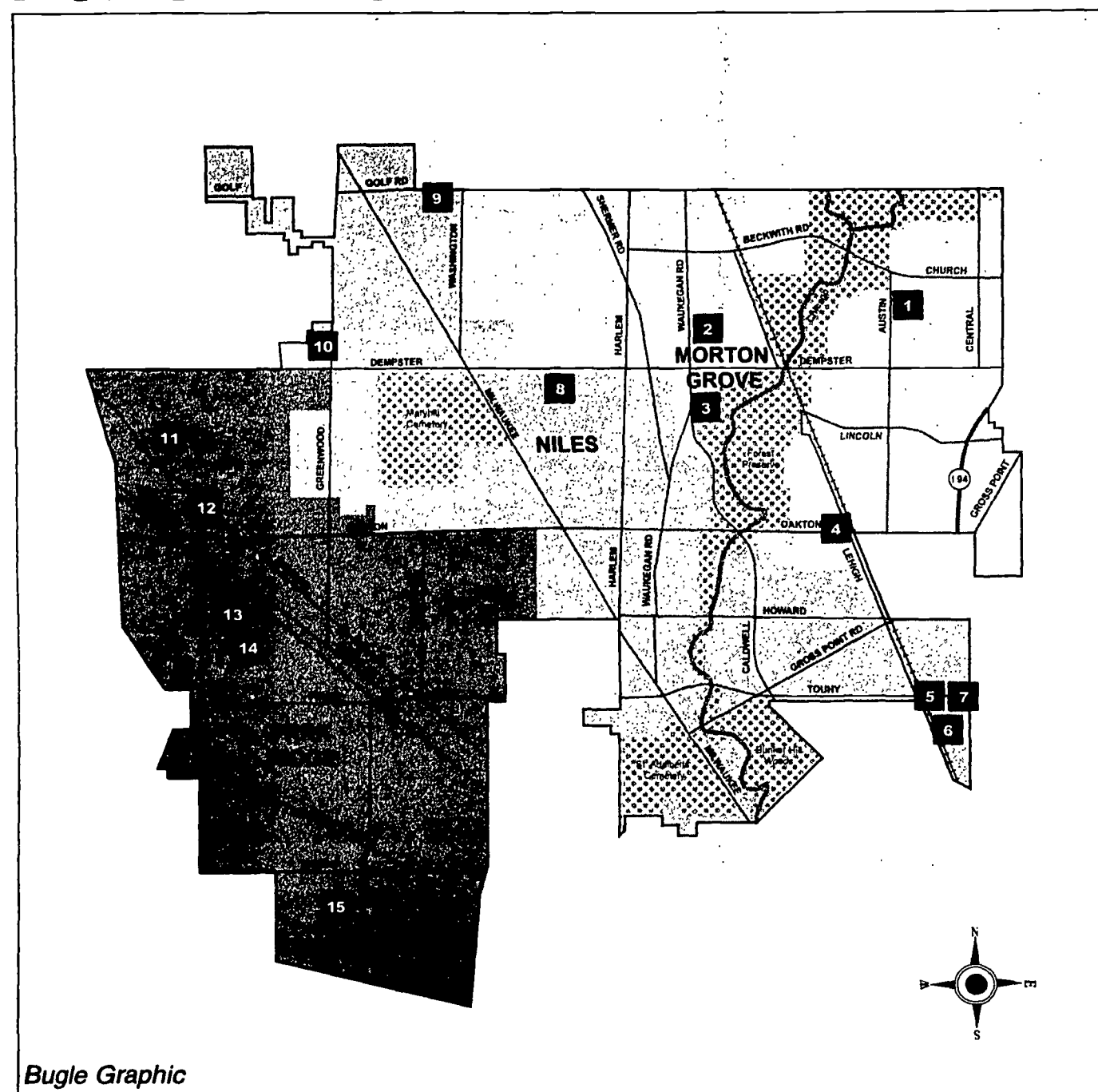
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## POLICE BLOTTER



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## MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending September 27, 2004.

## 1 Bag Stolen (9100 Austin)

A duffel bag containing nearly \$1,000 worth of items was stolen from a trailer parked in the 9100 block of Austin sometime overnight September 16. The owner of the items told police he had left the duffel

bag on his trailer which was in the driveway. The bag contained a GPS receiver, a men's Tissot watch, and miscellaneous items.

**2 Purse containing jewelry missing (6900 Dempster)**  
A 75-year-old Glenview woman told police she left her fanny pack containing \$3,420 worth of jewelry in a shopping cart at a strip mall in the 6900 block of Dempster on Saturday August 28. The woman told police she went shopping at a clothing store in the mall and when she got into her car she must have left her

fanny pack in her shopping cart. When she returned to the parking lot and store the pack was missing. The woman told police the pack contained three gold chains and a gold pendant with pearls. The report does not explain why the woman waited four weeks to report the fanny pack missing.

**3 Perfume theft (6800 Dempster)**  
Three boxes of perfume valued at \$60 were shoplifted from the Marshall's store in the 6800 block of Dempster Wednesday September 22

about 3:30 p.m. An employee at the store told police he observed a man standing near the perfume display and that he saw the man pick up four boxes of perfume and start to head for the door. The employee told police when he asked the man to stop the man threw one of the bottles of perfume at him and ran out of the store with the other three. The employee said the man got into a white 4-door car and escaped.

**4 Credit card theft (6300 Oakton)**  
A 55-year-old Skokie woman told police someone used her credit card to charge \$545.06 worth of items at the Menard's store in the 6300 block of Oakton on September 12. The woman told police she lost the card at a fitness center in Skokie and reported it to the Skokie police. She later found out the card was used in Morton Grove for the fraudulent purchase.

## NILES

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending September 27, 2004.

**5 Retail Theft (5600 Touhy)**  
Wal-Mart security stopped a 51-year-old Skokie woman for stealing underwear Sunday afternoon September 26. The underwear was valued at \$19.56.

**6 Retail Theft (5600 Touhy)**  
A 17-year-old Chicago youth was arrested for shoplifting Sunday afternoon September 26 after security at Wal-Mart watched the girl place video games and bras in a back pack and leave the store. The items were valued at \$132.20.

**7 Retail theft (5600 Touhy)**  
A 20-year-old Evanston woman was arrested by police

Thursday morning September 23 after Wal-Mart security watched the woman try to push a shopping cart filled with one camcorder, two DVD players, and a flat screen television out of the store. All of the merchandise, according to police, was concealed in shopping bags. The woman could not produce any receipts for the items which were valued over \$1,000 and she was taken into custody. Police said while in custody the woman admitted to taking the items. Police also said the woman struggled when being handcuffed. She was charged with Felony Retail Theft. Her court date is October 1.

**8 Retail Theft (8700 Dempster)**  
A 22-year-old Glenview man was arrested for shoplifting after trying to walk out of the Jewel Store in the 8700 block of Dempster with \$553.57 worth of diet pills and cold medications. A security guard for the store told police the man filled a basket with the medications and headed for the door. Security said the man dropped the items in the vestibule of the store when he saw security waiting for him.

**9 Retail Theft (8200 Golf)**  
More than \$140 worth of Kingsford charcoal was stolen from an outdoor display at the Jewel store in the 8200 block of Golf Saturday morning September 25. Police said a customer alerted a clerk inside the store that a man was loading a van with bags of charcoal. The clerk went outside to ask the man for the receipt and the man jumped into the van and drove eastbound on Golf.

**10 Vodka flasher (8900 Greenwood)**  
A 38-year-old Des Plaines man was arrested for shoplifting after a security guard at the Domick's store in the 8900 block of Greenwood spotted a bottle of vodka sticking out of

the zipper of the man's pants. According to police they observed the man as he went into the liquor aisle and stopped him in the doorway of the store. Security also found a bottle of vodka in the man's sock. The vodka was valued at \$28.98. The man was also wanted on an outstanding warrant from Arlington Heights.

## PARK RIDGE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police for the week ending September 17 - September 23, 2004.

**11 Arson (2400 Manor)**  
Vandals caused \$400 worth of damage to playground equipment at a playground in the 2400 block of Manor Friday night September 17.

**12 Burglary (1200 N. Northwest Hwy.)**  
A laptop valued at \$1,000 and a computer case were stolen from a 1998 Ford Taurus parked in the 1200 block of Northwest Highway sometime between August 29 and September 3, 2004.

**13 Burglary (2100 Milton)**  
A briefcase valued at

\$200 and a wallet with an assortment of identification were stolen from a 2003 Lincoln Navigator while it was parked in the driveway of a home in the 2100 block of Milton Wednesday night September 22.

**14 Burglary (2100 Milton)**  
Someone removed \$150 worth of CDs and \$45 in cash from a 1993 Buick Century parked in the driveway of a home in the 2100 block of Milton Wednesday night September 22.

**15 Vandalism (1000 Bonita)**  
Vandals sliced the tires of a 1984 Ford van parked in the 1000 block of Bonita Thursday night September 16.

## SUMMARY OF CRIME:

Morton Grove  
Theft-4  
Lost purse-2  
Lost dog found-1  
Niles  
Retail theft-10  
Gasoline theft-3

Park Ridge  
Arson-1  
Burglary-5  
Vandalism-8  
Arrests-12

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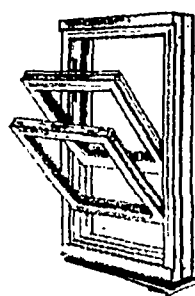
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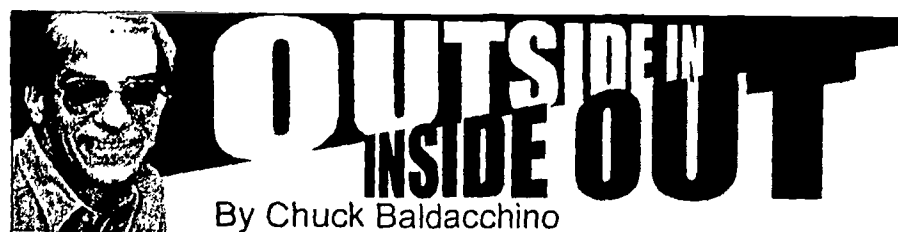
"No, I don't believe in political  
advertising."  
—Elaine Johannessen



"No I don't believe political com-  
mercials and I don't believe what  
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"I try not to, but they bombard the  
airways with it. I'm indifferent  
towards attack ads."  
—Kris Jiron-Harwood Hts.



By Chuck Baldacchino

## Oxymorons

People tell me I'm smart. I don't back away from that, but I know there's still a lot I don't know.

Some of the things I don't know are wrapped in the enigmas called oxymorons, combinations of contradictory or incongruous words, like thundering silence or (derogatorily) military intelligence.

The phrase that's hit me most recently as an oxymoron, in the heat of this 2004 Presidential election cycle, is Christian conservative.

Maybe someone out there can help me with this; but, in my extensive reading of the New Testament, I can't find anywhere where Christ was even remotely a conservative. In fact, it's scarily easy to find a litany of quotes and citations in the New Testament that there was nobody — then or now — left of Jesus Christ; Matthew 5:38-42 and Matthew 22:39 leap to mind immediately. (Was Christ an appeaser, a girly-man?)

Is it just me? Is there just some huge body of New Testament read-

ings that I'm overlooking? Or is it time for the Christian conservatives (Republicans?) out there to face up to the contradiction?

(I'm not letting left-wing Democrats off the hook here. Do they not see the contradiction themselves? Should Christian Democrats not be invoking at least the spirit of Christ's "liberal" teachings even more often than Christian Republicans?)

If you only read the Old Testament, you can easily be conservative — but not Christian, because the references there specifically to Christ are few, far between, and inferential. God, yes; Christ, no.

If you only read the Old Testament you can see and hear the vengeful God — not Christ — who deplores same-sex or adulterous marriages, or who condones "an eye for an eye."

If you only read the Old Testament you might be able to defend a position of Jewish conservative or even Muslim fundamentalist.

But Christian conservative? That sure looks like an oxymoron to me.

So help me out here. Anyone who thinks of him/herself as a Christian conservative should feel open about — indeed, obliged to — offer me an explanation that relates Christ to conservatism. Warning: the argument should be framed in the light of the following rant.

The U.S. is not a Christian nation; it's a secular nation. If anyone wants to practice a religion, to believe in a God — whatever his or her or its name, go right ahead; pick a religion, any religion. But as soon as anyone tries to get religion woven into the fabric of our laws or culture, that's a violation of our Constitutional separation of church and state.

"Under God" no more belongs in our pledge than does "Under Allah" or "Under Yahweh". "God" no more belongs in our classrooms or public spaces or on our currency than does "Buddah" or "Zeus".

"God is on our side" is as ridiculous as it sounds. Say it to yourself a few times; it becomes more ridiculous each time. Then ask yourself what makes you different from any "terrorist" (of a different religion) uttering the very same words. Ridiculous.

OK, rant over — for now. Christian conservative. Anyone up for enlightening me on how that works? Or is it just like military intelligence.

Chuck@ParkRidgeBugle.com

## OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE GENERAL ELECTION

David Orr,  
Cook County Clerk

OFFICIAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the Polling Place Locations for the GENERAL ELECTION to be held in SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY on:

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004**

\* The GENERAL ELECTION will be held in all precincts of each Township, the cities of Berwyn and Evanston and the Town of Cicero, under the jurisdiction of the Election Department of the Cook County Clerk's Office.

\* The Polls for said General Election will open at 6:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

\* At the GENERAL ELECTION, Candidates for the following offices will be elected:

United States President and Vice President

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(all districts)

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(districts 2, 3, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 26, 28, 29, 41)

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(all districts)

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District  
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THE BUGLE

# COMMENTARY

Thursday September 30, 2004

## Letters

## Public deserves to hear the truth on D63

Dear Editor,

As seen in a recent Letter to the Editor, Mr. Ken Butterly continues to make sweeping assumptions and misleading statements in an effort to discredit the Board of Education's management of East Maine School District 63. He would have the average person believe that the district employees; administration, teaching and support staff care only about their own personal finances.

Mr. Butterly does not seem genuinely interested in the well being of our school children. He has not mentioned the children in his past statements. He does not understand how our children benefit from the daily care, devotion, and guidance of their teachers. He has no concept of what is involved in the development of strategies designed to educate our students including those students identified as having special needs. He does not understand what it takes to educate the child who must learn in a language other than the language spoken at home. He is not aware that often we must first help the stu-

dent master his/her own language before he/she can master English. He clearly is unaware that our responsibilities also extend beyond our seven schools and into the community. Our specialists also provide diagnostic testing and support to children in the surrounding private schools.

He holds no value in having an administrative and teaching staff whose interest and passion is to see the children of District 63 succeed academically and socially. There has been no indication in his statements that he recognizes or appreciates the level of skill, knowledge, and education needed by the teaching staff to accomplish the goals that have been developed to insure continued student achievement. He does not demonstrate an understanding of the importance and value of having and keeping highly qualified and skilled educational leaders at the administrative level. He does not grasp how extremely fortunate this school district is to have such an incredibly talented superintendent, administrative, and teaching staff, along with dedicated office and support personnel. Within his rights, Mr. Butterly has requested extensive information with regard to the district finances. The district administrators, mindful of being compliant with the law, have taken exorbitant amounts of time away from day to day operations to review and respond to his approximately 600 Freedom of Information Act requests.

I would suggest that Mr. Butterly could benefit from a review of the EMSD 63 Grade Level Learner Benchmarks which were developed based on the Illinois State Learning Standards. If Mr. Butterly and his friends were to add this information to their equation they would have a far more accurate picture of what the numbers in the budget represent. On several different occasions, Mr. Butterly has been invited to the district to discuss his concerns with the administrative staff. To date, he still has not called to schedule an appointment. Instead, he chooses to come to his conclusions by analyzing data without benefit of any supportive information. Rather than schedule the time with district administrators to clarify factual information, he chooses to grandstand at board meetings with his two friends, one of whom is not even a resident of District 63.

While it is our policy to hear public concerns and comments at board meetings, I will not take unnecessary time at meetings designed to conduct the regular business of the Board to answer concerns that we have offered time and time again to meet and discuss with Mr. Butterly.

The public deserves to hear the truth and a balanced presentation of the situation within East Maine School Dist. 63.

Jane Wojtkiewicz, President District 63 Board

## Community 'must' support D63 referendum

Dear Editor,

As I sat in the Auditorium Theater and listened to the opening performance of the 2004 Chicago Jazz Festival I was reminded of the many reasons why we must, as a community, support the upcoming District 63 Education Fund Tax Rate Increase on November 2. We must extend the renowned legacy of arts, athletics, and extracurricular programs by voting yes. The future of our children, our schools, and our community depends on us.

I envisioned Gemini Jazz Band 1 on stage that evening, with myself on alto saxophone and some of my to-this-date closest friends filling in the rest of the saxophone section. The callous on my right thumb, which used to be hard and raised, representing years of practice, was much softer and shallower that night. While my technique has grown dusty, this work ethic was utilized to the extreme as a first-year medical student, as I memorized all of the nerves, muscles, and vasculature responsible for making possible an emotionally-charged jazz improvisation.

There are scores of other District 63 alums who attribute their personal, academic, and professional successes to early experiences that took place outside of the classroom. These programs attract students and families to our schools and community and allow children to develop talents that inspire life-long interests. Investing in these experiences now will benefit our society in the future through students' continuing contributions as mentors, professionals, teachers, and community activists. You have the power to ensure this fate. Vote yes on November 2.

Jeff Lewis, Morton Grove

## A letter thanking the Niles Lions

Mr. Johnson,  
How do I ever say Thank You to you and your organization! I can finally see. I am very near-sighted. The young lady there was wonderful. The Doctor was very professional. The glasses are so beautiful. The exam was very, very good. For years & years I couldn't afford glasses. Now I can see - How do I ever say Thank You for all that you've done for me You are a very wonderful man.

I am so grateful to all of you. May God richly bless all of you.

Glori Anderson, Niles

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## News

## Deadline for Niles vehicle stickers today

All vehicles that are principally stored, parked or garaged in Niles must have a current vehicle sticker as of today (Thursday). This includes all leased vehicles used by Niles residents and businesses. The fee for an automobile vehicle sticker is \$25, with a \$15 discount for drivers that are 62-years-old or older. Police enforcement of this ordi-

nance will begin tomorrow (Friday) Oct. 1. The fine for failing to purchase a sticker by the deadline is \$50.

Vehicle stickers may be purchased at village hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive. They are also available at selected currency exchanges and banks. For more information, contact the village (847) 588-8000.

## New garbage containers a success

The new containers that were rolled out earlier this year for garbage and recycling collection in Morton Grove are a success, according to Village Manager Ralph Czerwinski.

Before Morton Grove began using a standardized wheeled recycling cart, many households placed multiple bins at the curbside along with bags and other containers, Czerwinski said. Most of the time, these various styles of

bins did not have lids and on windy days litter would scatter across neighbors' yards and into the alleys and parkways. Groot did not have the option of automatically loading these materials into their trucks.

In February, the village instituted the use of 35-gallon wheeled carts with lids instead of the old ad hoc system.

According to the village, the carts have three significant bene-

fits: they reduce the number of bins and containers at the curbside, they reduce the litter and loose garbage problems and make it easier on residents to recycle, since paper cardboard, cans and glass can all be placed in the same container.

Czerwinski also said that Public Works employees spent less time answering complaints about trash that would blow down streets and alleys on trash pickup days.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE OF POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS

David Orr, Cook County Clerk

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**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004**

The POLLING PLACES will be open from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

The GENERAL ELECTION for that part of Cook County under the jurisdiction of the Cook County Clerk will be held in each election precinct in Cook County and the voting will be conducted at the following polling places for each of the aforesaid election precincts selected by the Cook County Clerk.

LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS NECESSITY REQUIRES

### TOWNSHIP OF NILES

WARD	PCT	Name	Address	Access
001		NILES ELEM SCHOOL	6935 TOUHY AVE, NILES	Y
002		ST BENEDICT HOME	6930 W TOUHY AVE, NILES	Y
003		VILLAGE OF GOLF	1 BRIAR RD, GOLF	N
004		TODD HALL	3925 LUNT AVE, LINCOLNWOOD	Y
005		TODD HALL	3925 LUNT AVE, LINCOLNWOOD	Y
006		CARTER-WESTMINSTER PRESBY	4950 W PRATT AVE, SKOKIE	N
007		ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH	4707 W PRATT AVE, LINCOLNWOOD	N
008		ST JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL	8301 N HARLEM AVE, NILES	Y
009		PIONEER PARK FLDHS	7135 N HARLEM AVE, NILES	Y
010		AUSTIN PARK FIELDHOUSE	8336 MARMORA AVE, MORTON GROVE	Y
011		NATIONAL PARK FIELDHOUSE	9325 MARION, MORTON GROVE	Y
012		CARTER-WESTMINSTER PRESBY	4950 W PRATT AVE, SKOKIE	N
013		OLD ORCHARD JR HIGH SCHOOL	9310 N KENTON AVE, SKOKIE	Y
014		CULVER SCHOOL	6901 OAKTON, NILES	Y
015		LINCOLN JR HIGH SCHOOL	7839 LINCOLN AVE, SKOKIE	Y
016		SKOKIE POLICE STATION	8350 LARAMIE, SKOKIE	Y
017		CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH	8237 KENTON AVE, SKOKIE	Y
018		MC CRACKEN MIDDLE SCHOOL	8000 E PRAIRIE RD, SKOKIE	Y
019		TIMBER RIDGE SCHOOL	3701 DAVIS ST, SKOKIE	Y
020		LINCOLN JR HIGH SCHOOL	7839 LINCOLN AVE, SKOKIE	Y
021		WALKER SCHOOL	3601 CHURCH ST, SKOKIE	Y
022		SKOKIE PUBLIC WORKS BLDG	9050 GROSS POINT RD, SKOKIE	Y
023		OLD ORCHARD JR HIGH SCHOOL	9310 N KENTON AVE, SKOKIE	Y
024		OAKTON PARK REC CENTER	4701 OAKTON ST, SKOKIE	Y
025		EMILY OAKS NATURE CENTER	4650 BRUMMEL ST, SKOKIE	Y
026		FAIRVIEW SOUTH SCHOOL	7040 LARAMIE AVE, SKOKIE	Y
027		MIDDLETON SCHOOL	8300 ST LOUIS AVE, SKOKIE	Y
028		TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH	3637 GOLF RD, EVANSTON	Y
029		SKOKIE PUBLIC WORKS BLDG	9050 GROSS POINT RD, SKOKIE	Y
030		NILES TWP BLDG	5255 MAIN ST, SKOKIE	Y
031		HIGHLAND SCHOOL	9700 CRAWFORD, SKOKIE	Y
032		HOLY TRINITY CHURCH	8201 N KARLOV AVE, SKOKIE	Y
033		MIDDLETON SCHOOL	8300 ST LOUIS AVE, SKOKIE	Y
034		OAKTON/RAY HARSTEIN CAMP	7701 N LINCOLN AVE, SKOKIE	Y
035		MUSLIM EDUCATION CENTER	8601 MENARD, MORTON GROVE	Y
036		MIDDLETON SCHOOL	8300 ST LOUIS AVE, SKOKIE	Y
037		SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT	9300 WEBER PARK PL, SKOKIE	Y
038		GOLF MIDDLE SCHOOL	9401 WAUKEGAN RD, MORTON GROVE	Y
039		SKOKIE VILLAGE HALL	5127 OAKTON ST, SKOKIE	Y
040		FAIRVIEW SOUTH SCHOOL	7040 LARAMIE AVE, SKOKIE	Y
041		NILES TWP BLDG	5255 MAIN ST, SKOKIE	Y
042		EAST PRAIRIE SCHOOL	3907 DOBSON ST, SKOKIE	Y
043		OAKTON PARK REC CENTER	4701 OAKTON ST, SKOKIE	Y
044		MC CRACKEN MIDDLE SCHOOL	8000 E PRAIRIE RD, SKOKIE	Y
045		HOLY TRINITY CHURCH	8201 N KARLOV AVE, SKOKIE	Y
046		SKOKIE VILLAGE HALL	5127 OAKTON ST, SKOKIE	Y
047		DEVONSHIRE SCHOOL	9040 KOSTNER AVE, SKOKIE	Y
048		JANE STENSON SCHOOL	9201 LOCKWOOD AVE, SKOKIE	Y

WARD	PCT	Name	Address	Access
049		WALKER SCHOOL	3601 CHURCH ST, SKOKIE	Y
050		NATIONAL PARK FIELDHOUSE	9325 MARION, MORTON GROVE	Y
051		MANSFIELD PARK FIELDHOUSE	5830 CHURCH ST, MORTON GROVE	Y
052		MUSLIM EDUCATION CENTER	8601 MENARD, MORTON GROVE	Y
053		MORTON GROVE VILLAGE HALL	6101 CAPULINA, MORTON GROVE	Y
054		ST MARTHA CHURCH	8523 GEORGIANA AVE, MORTON GROVE	Y
055		NATIONAL PARK FIELDHOUSE	9325 MARION, MORTON GROVE	Y
056		ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH	4707 W PRATT AVE, LINCOLNWOOD	N
057		AMERICAN LEGION CIVIC CENTER	6140 DEMPSTER ST, MORTON GROVE	Y
058		EDISON SCHOOL	8200 GROSS POINT RD, MORTON GROVE	Y
059		GOLF MIDDLE SCHOOL	9401 WAUKEGAN RD, MORTON GROVE	Y
060		JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER	5050 CHURCH ST, SKOKIE	Y
061		NILES TWP BLDG	5255 MAIN ST, SKOKIE	Y
062		TIMBER RIDGE SCHOOL	3701 DAVIS ST, SKOKIE	Y
063		TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH	3637 GOLF RD, EVANSTON	Y
064		DEVONSHIRE CULTURAL CENTER	4400 GREENWOOD AVE, SKOKIE	Y
065		LINCOLNWOOD VILLAGE HALL	6900 N LINCOLN AVE, LINCOLNWOOD	Y
066		LINCOLNWOOD VILLAGE HALL	6900 N LINCOLN AVE, LINCOLNWOOD	Y
067		LINCOLNWOOD VILLAGE HALL	6900 N LINCOLN AVE, LINCOLNWOOD	Y
068		LAKESIDE CHURCH	3939 W HOWARD ST, SKOKIE	Y
069		DEVONSHIRE CULTURAL CENTER	4400 GREENWOOD AVE, SKOKIE	Y
070		SKOKIE VALLEY AGUDATH JACOB SYN	8825 N EAST PRAIRIE RD, SKOKIE	Y
071		HIGHLAND SCHOOL	9700 CRAWFORD, SKOKIE	Y
072		MANSFIELD PARK FIELDHOUSE	5830 CHURCH ST, MORTON GROVE	Y
073		DIEDERICH PARK FIELDHOUSE	1 BRIAR RD, GOLF	Y
074		NILES PUBLIC LIBRARY	6960 OAKTON ST, NILES	Y
075		CULVER SCHOOL	6901 OAKTON, NILES	Y
076		OLD ORCHARD JR HIGH SCHOOL	9310 N KENTON AVE, SKOKIE	Y
077		HIGHLAND SCHOOL	9700 CRAWFORD, SKOKIE	Y
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080		SKOKIE VALLEY AGUDATH JACOB SYN	8825 N EAST PRAIRIE RD, SKOKIE	Y
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088		LAKESIDE CHURCH	3939 W HOWARD ST, SKOKIE	Y
089		FIRE STATION #1	7424 N LINCOLN CENTER RD, SKOKIE	Y
090		NORTH SHORE CTR FOR PERFORM ARTS	9501 SKOKIE BLVD, SKOKIE	Y
091		NILES TWP JEWISH CONG	4500 W DEMPSTER ST, SKOKIE	Y
092		WALKER SCHOOL	3601 CHURCH ST, SKOKIE	Y
093		LINCOLNWOOD VILLAGE HALL	6900 N LINCOLN AVE, LINCOLNWOOD	Y
094		ST JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL	8301 N HARLEM AVE, NILES	Y
095		OLD ORCHARD JR HIGH SCHOOL	9310 N KENTON AVE, SKOKIE	Y
096		LAKESIDE CHURCH	3939 W HOWARD ST, SKOKIE	Y
097		MORTON GROVE COMM CHURCH	8944 N AUSTIN AVE, MORTON GROVE	Y
098		PRAIRIE VIEW COMM CENTER	6834 DEMPSTER ST, MORTON GROVE	Y
099		EDISON SCHOOL	8200 GROSS POINT RD, MORTON GROVE	Y
100		OAKTON/RAY HARSTEIN CAMP	7701 N LINCOLN AVE, SKOKIE	Y
101		CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH	8237 KENTON AVE, SKOKIE	Y
102		ARMOND D KING APTS	9238 GROSS POINT RD, SKOKIE	Y
103		LINCOLNWOOD PLACE	7000 MC CORMICK BLVD, LINCOLNWOOD	Y
104		CONGREGATION YEHUDA MOSHE	4723 TOUHY, LINCOLNWOOD	Y
105		HOLY TRINITY CHURCH	8201 N KARLOV AVE, SKOKIE	Y
106		JANE STENSON SCHOOL	9201 LOCKWOOD AVE, SKOKIE	Y

NOTE: The letter (N) following the polling place name and address denotes that the polling place location itself is NOT accessible to the handicapped although other parts of the facility may be accessible. An exemption has been granted by the State Board of Elections and signs are posted indicating if the whole building is accessible or if there is a special entrance.

Dated at Chicago this 30th day of September, 2004

**DAVID ORR**  
COOK COUNTY CLERK

## News

## New gym

(Continued from page 1)

awards the building phase of the project to the same firm that designed it, would allow construction of the first phase to begin by mid-October, allowing the Park Board more time to decide on the final details of the interior, rather than waiting for those details to be ironed out.

"By going with the design/build option we have the ability to bid out the project," said LoVerde, "and we can still discuss the small details of the interior while the building is rising from the ground."

By bidding out the project this fall, LoVerde said the District would also have a timing advantage, since most contractors look to secure spring construction work in the fall.

"The time is advantageous," he said.

Ground-breaking for the new facility is tentatively scheduled for next Wednesday, Oct. 6.

"We anticipate having bids in and construction started by the middle of October," LoVerde said.

The design/build option was thoroughly researched by District staff, LoVerde said and saved time-intensive interviews with construction managers. In order to assure themselves that giving Wight the contract to build the gym, LoVerde and his staff visited several Wight constructions in progress.

"We were very pleased with the quality and administration of the construction," said LoVerde. "We were also happy to see that the design and construction divisions of Wight were completely separate."

Wight also guaranteed a maximum price of \$5.75 million for the new facility, well below the \$6.5 million originally budgeted for construction.

"We're hoping to put the key in the door at that price," LoVerde

said. The difference between the budgeted amount and the guaranteed price would be used to fund several capital projects in the District, including updating the neighboring Tam Tennis Complex so that it would be handicapped-accessible.

"We're hoping we'll be able to realize some savings," said LoVerde. "As long as they're putting an elevator in the new building, they can put one in the Tam Complex as well."

The new building is scheduled for completion in October of 2005. When completed it will feature multiple basketball courts, a running track, a variety of other fitness spaces as well as other amenities.

"We're hoping to hold our next basketball season in this building," said LoVerde. "We have 3,000 kids in the program and only one gym."

## Niles Parks reduce planned bond issue

A bond issue for the Niles Park District that was originally planned to total \$950,000 was reduced to \$740,000 before

final approval at last Tuesday's Niles Park Board meeting.

The annual bond issue covers the debt service on facilities upgrades to

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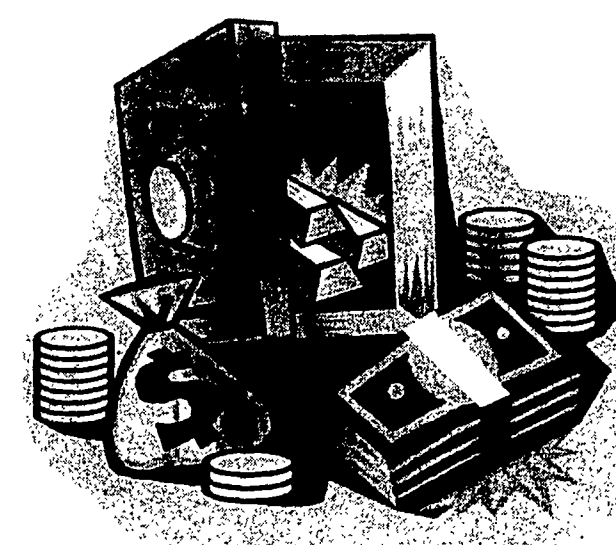
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## News

## Lightning system online in Niles parks

### Initial problems resolved without difficulty

Despite a few small glitches, the new "Thor Guard" lightning alarm system was predicted to be online yesterday (Wednesday). Some initial problems with two sites were resolved with simple measures, according to Park District Director Joe LoVerde.

"Everything is working 100 percent," LoVerde said. "The system [was] set to go live Wednesday."

During the first test two weeks ago, two sites did not respond as predicted, those at Greenwood Park and Pioneer Park. LoVerde

originally theorized that it could have been a result of interference with the transmission, necessitating a larger antenna. However, it turned out that both were resolved with some small adjustments.

"At Pioneer there was faulty wiring in the unit," said LoVerde. "It was replaced by the manufacturer. At Greenwood, we turned the dish about six inches and immediately received a signal."

The system will operate through the end of October, when the batteries will be removed and placed in storage for the colder

months. It will resume operation in April.

LoVerde praised efforts by the local media, including The Bugle, to inform residents about the system tests and spread information about how residents can use the system to protect themselves.

"We didn't receive a single call from a resident," said LoVerde. "It means that they knew what was going on thanks to help from the local media, including The Bugle. It's my understanding that the village didn't receive any calls either."

## MGO to premier video magazine

Locally produced program to air once a week on Sundays

Grist from Miller's Mill," a 30-minute video magazine produced by the Morton Grove Organization, LLC (MGO) is set to premier on Comcast Public Access Channel 19 in Morton Grove, this Sunday Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. The program is planned to continue each week at that same

time slot.

The MGO is a neighborhood group that was formed in order to protest the proposed construction of a Mosque at the current site of the Muslim Education Center, 8601 Menard.

Their premier show will feature a story on the American Youth Soccer Organization and a local Morton Grove dad who is a coach and referee, the first anniversary celebration at Custom American Motorcycle, a Morton Grove busi-

ness that builds custom "choppers," and part one of a three-part interview with Illinois State Representative Elizabeth Coulson (R-17). There will also be an ongoing editorial feature entitled "Pat Answers."

Future programs are planned to cover people and events such as a feature on National Open Lands' Day, real estate buying and selling tips, a day in the kitchen with the "Cookie Lady" and a caffeine break with the owner of Super Cup.

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# SENIORS

Thursday September 30, 2004

## Morton Grove Seniors

## Men's Poker

The Morton Grove Senior Center is looking for "a few more good men" who would like to play men's-only weekly poker games on Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. The next 12-week session begins Oct. 8. The fee for this club is \$6.50 for Senior Center members and \$8 for non-members. If interested, please register in person at the Center Registration Desk or call Senior Activities Coordinator, Kathryn Williams at 847/663-6127.

**"Home Computer Maintenance"**  
"Housekeep" your home computer to keep it purring like a well-oiled machine at this seminar from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9 in the Senior Center presented by the Center's computer instructor, R.J. Bruno. The fee is \$8. Please register in person at the Senior Center.

**Beginning Acting Class**  
This class will let participants learn how to let the inner "twinkle" shine through! This class will explore different techniques of acting from poetry reading to dramatic action, from improvisation action to Shakespeare. This class is for all levels—beginners are encouraged to come and explore their theatrical side in a warm, safe, and inviting atmosphere. The eight-week course, taught by Helen Zachary of The North Shore Players, will be held on Mondays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. starting Oct. 11 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The cost is \$32 for Senior Center members and \$37 for non-members. Please sign up in person at the Senior Center.

**Blood Pressure Screening**  
Periodic blood pressure measurement is helpful in determining if health is threatened by high blood pressure (hypertension). Hypertension is a contributor toward strokes, heart disease and kidney failure. Unfortunately, hypertension usually has no symptoms so a person can feel great and not know they have it. Free screenings are offered from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11. Continues...

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## Park Ridge Seniors

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

A number of discussion groups are underway again and everyone is invited to join in. Current events meets Wednesday mornings at 10:00am moderated by Rita Johnson. A wide variety of topics are discussed including issues of local and world interest.

Thursday mornings at 10:30am it's Humanities. Here the discussion topics come in book form. The current book is called the "Poverty Puzzle."

Also on Thursdays at 1:00pm is Books. Terry Caldron is the discussion leader. Books are distributed to the group, read and then discussed at the next meeting. If you like to read, this is a perfect opportunity to share your thoughts and enter into a lively discussion.

**BANDESTRA**  
Bandestra meets every Friday from

## Niles Seniors

**Annual Dinner Dance: The Renaissance Ball**  
Friday, October 1st, 5:00pm - 9:00pm  
A truly special evening as we celebrate our 30th year. Always a much anticipated event, register now so you won't be left out. Dinner will feature Spinach Strawberry Salad, London Broil, Roasted Potatoes, & Dessert served at 5:30pm. Following the meal, the Larry Bemben Band will take the stage for your listening & dancing pleasure. \$21.50.

**THE MOONLIGHTERS**  
We are excited to announce our new group, The Moonlighters. We will offer one event each month. This event will be open to all Club 55/62 members and Senior Center Members. First come, first registered! Defending the Caveman - Thursday, Oct. 14th, 5:00pm - approx. 10:00pm. \$35 The first event we are offering. Join us for an evening of Laughter & Fun as we travel to the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre in Arlington Heights to see Rob Becker's Hilarious, one-man comedy. This is the longest running solo show in Broadway history! Becker provides humorous insights on contemporary feminism & masculine sensitivity.

Before the performance, we will dine at Lou Malnati's. Dinner includes a Dinner Salad, Lou Malnati's Famous Deep Dish Pizza, Mostaccioli, and Dessert.

Check-in: 4:30pm, Thurs., Oct. 14th at Senior Center:

11:30 to 12:30. This instrumental group of musicians are presently rehearsing a group of folk dances to accompany our folk dancers at a live performance. If you play an instrument you are invited to join in and jam.

## CHORUS

The chorus at the Park Ridge Senior Center, The Choraliers, has started rehearsing for the new season. You can still join in the joy of music. There is no try-out. The group meets at 1:00pm sharp every Friday. They are preparing a program that will be performed at various locales in the area such as senior homes. All voice ranges are welcome, sopranos, altos, tenors & bases. If you are not sure, come anyway and the director, Regina Kucharik, can help you.

**FOLK DANCE**  
If singing is not to your liking, there's Folk Dancing. This group meets Mondays from 2-3pm. This is a good time for new people to try

this enjoyable activity. No partner is needed and best of all, there is no charge.

## TAP DANCING

After this year's variety show is over, last performance is October 3, the tap dancers will begin learning new dances for next year's show. From now until the end of the year the schedule at times is rather light, but after the first of the year it becomes a little more serious. If you would like to tap, but have no experience, there is a beginner's group that meets Tuesdays, at 12:30. If you have tapped before, the more experienced dancers meet Tuesdays at 1:30pm. If you're not sure, come and observe. You'll see we have a lot of fun learning new steps and an added benefit...this is also good exercise. What a fun way to get your exercise in.

As always, you can stop in at the Park Ridge Senior Center at 100 S. Western to get more information or call 847-692-3597.

Departure: 5:00pm.

Niles Senior Men's and Women's Clubs hold monthly meeting luncheons. New members are always welcome. Call the Senior Center (847/588-8420) to find out how you can become a member.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS**  
Drivers needed to deliver meals to Niles Homebound, weekdays between 11:00am - 12:30pm. Please contact Kelly at 847/588-8420

## TAX COUNSELORS NEEDED!

Volunteer Tax Counselors (with or without previous experience) are greatly needed to help local seniors with their Tax and Circuit Breaker preparations. Volunteers will receive free training at the Niles Senior Center in January. Tax appointments will run Feb., 2005 - April 14, 2005. For more information, call MaryAnn at 588-8420.

## YARN NEEDED

The Senior Center accepts left over yarn that is made into Lap Robes for veterans at Hines Hospital. We also accept left over fabric and yarn for senior crafters. Volunteer knitters and crocheters are also needed. Please call us.

**Grief Workshop to Offer Support and Coping Tools**  
Beginning Wednesday, September 15th, the Niles Senior Center began a three-session grief workshop for Niles residents touched by the loss of a loved one. Participants can still come to the final workshop in this series: Workshop #3, Wednesday, September 29th, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

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## Maine Township

## MaineStreamers Announce New Senior Activities and Classes

Listed below are a few of the new programs for all Maine Township seniors. For further information on these and all senior programs and activities call 1-847-297-2510 or visit www.maintownship.com.

The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. All residents and property owners are invited to apply for membership. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter, which details all activities for the upcoming month.

## ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT ON AGING PROGRAM

Thursday, September 30  
10:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Presenter: State Representative Elaine Nekritz and the Illinois Department on Aging  
No Charge - Registration Required  
State Representative Elaine Nekritz will be hosting an informational program on Senior Services. The program will feature speakers from the Illinois Department on Aging. The speakers will share information on such programs as the prescription drug assistance and elder abuse prevention.

## WATERCOLOR CLASS

Wednesdays, Oct. 13 to Dec. 1  
5 to 7 p.m.

Instructor: Beverly Ellstrand  
Cost: \$30.00 for 8 classes

Beverly Ellstrand's Class will begin with the basics. We will work together on sketching, laying on washes and layering color using still life and landscape as subject matter. Her curriculum also includes wet on wet, pen and ink and more. Beginners are welcome and encouraged. Bring sketch pad, pencils and watercolors (if you have them) to the first class!

## RULES OF THE ROAD CLASS

Thursday, October 14  
2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Instructor: Stan London  
No Charge - Registration Required

Getting your driver's license renewed? If so, plan on attending this Secretary of State refresher course that prepares you for the written exam. Next Class: December 9.

## Day Trips

The following Day Trips are currently on sale. In order to sign up for a Day Trip you must first sign up to be a member and then a reservation form will be sent to you. To become a member call the MaineStreamers at 1-847-297-2510 and ask for an application. All Day Trip departs from the State of Illinois Building, 9511 Harrison St. in Des Plaines.

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And, not surprisingly, the biggest thing you'll have to plan for in your retirement years is how much money you'll have available. But just about 4 in 10 workers have calculated how much they'll need to save for retirement, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute's 2004 Retirement Confidence Survey.

If you don't know how much you'll need during retirement, you can't really know how much to save — and how to save — before retirement. So, you've got to come up with some numbers — and then you'll need to enact a strategy to achieve them.

## How Much Will You Need?

Once you've identified your retirement goals — travel, volunteering, small business, etc. — you can set a price tag on them. You'll find it extremely useful to work with a financial professional — someone with the experience and technology necessary to project your retirement costs, taking into account annual expenses, number of years spent in retirement, inflation, taxes and a variety of other factors.

The end result of these calculations? A good estimate of what you'll need to save to give you the retirement lifestyle you've pictured.

## Your Investment Strategy

To achieve your hoped-for retirement, you asked: "How much?" Now, here's your next inquiry: "How will I get it?"

If you're going to "hit" your retirement savings target, you'll need to know where the money is going to come from. Most people draw retirement income from three main sources: Social Security, personal savings and investments, and a pension. 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

You should have a pretty good idea of how much you can expect from Social Security, because each year you get your projected benefits statement. And if you have a traditional pension from your employer, you also should know, with a fair amount of certainty, about how much money you can expect to receive.

However, when it comes to your personal investments and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, you'll need to ask yourself: How much do I need to put away each year? What sort of return do I have to earn? How much risk am I comfortable with? How can I control taxes on my investment earnings?

Clearly, you'll have to put some effort into answering these types of questions. And, again, you'll greatly benefit from the services of a financial professional who knows your situation, risk tolerance and investment preferences.

But, whether you use a financial professional or not, you'll have to depend on yourself for the discipline to follow the investment strategy needed to meet your goals. Your effort can pay off, however — in the form of a happy, fulfilling retirement.

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## SENIORS

### Niles couple celebrates 65 years

Mr and Mrs. Albert Cassettari of Niles celebrated 65 years of marriage on Sept. 9. They are the parents of Diane Scarfelli, grandparents of Debbie Paul, Susan and Louis Czech, proud great-grandparents of Jaclyn Louise and twins Lindsay and Louis Czech.

Their family would like to thank them for 'all the little things you do to fill our lives with love.' Family, friends and The Bugle congratulate the Cassettaris and wish them love and happiness always.



### MG Seniors

12 in the Morton Grove Senior Center.

#### Morton Grove Advisory Board

The Morton Grove Advisory Commission on Aging will hold its next monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 12 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The Commission provides an arena for discussion and planning of services and programs to benefit Morton Grove's senior citizen population. All interested residents are welcome to attend.

Visually Impaired Motivators  
The Morton Grove Visually

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Impaired Motivators is a low vision support group for seniors with macular degeneration and other degenerative eye diseases and their families. Their next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 12 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. They discuss everyday problems of living with low vision and possible solutions, exchange ideas on the latest technology and assistance devices available, and share what has worked for them individually. For more information please call Richard Englund at 847/965-8517.

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Thursday, November 11th, 4:00 to 6:00pm  
RSVP by November 9th

**Session #3 "Putting It All Together"** Implementation  
Thursday, December 2nd, 4:00 to 6:00pm  
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NEWS

Cricket

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The Mattinglys arranged a meeting with the woman on Tuesday in Chicago. She was reluctant to even allow them to pay for her expenses.

"She wouldn't take any money," said Gerry. "We were trying to give her some money at least for her expenses but at first she wouldn't take any. She was quite an unusual lady, she said that it was her pleasure to do it."

At last, Gerry convinced her to take money for her expenses, returning home with Cricket on Tuesday, Sept. 21.

The plucky silky terrier was a little lighter for his experiences, but was otherwise unscathed.

"I don't know how he made it that long," said Gerry. "I don't know what he was eating, but he must have had a guardian angel sitting on his shoulder the whole time."



It may not be evident on his face but Cricket is happy to be home. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

Mosque

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Plan Commission hearings on the project Tuesday, Sept. 21.

Those who registered in advance had the opportunity to cross-examine witnesses that the Muslim Community Center (MCC) called to testify in support of their mosque proposal. These witnesses included architects, traffic consultants, landscape designers and MCC personnel.

Interested parties took as long as two hours and as short as ten minutes to cross-examine one or more witnesses. Questions ranged from the future use of the MCC's land to the particulars of the landscape design and buffering.

Patrick Kansoer asked Mohammad Kaiseruddin, president of the MCC, if it was true that the MCC had considered holding high school classes at its facility. While, Kaiseruddin refused to speak in detail about it because it was not a subject of his direct testimony, he did say that the MCC was still considering holding high school classes.

Kansoer also observed that, given the prayer schedule, if the proposed mosque was filled to expansion every day, it could accommodate up to 23,000 people a week. However, Kaiseruddin did not think that was a possibility.

"As we said in our presentation," Kaiseruddin said, "there are 350,000 Muslims in the Chicagoland area. I suppose all of them could show up on Friday. I don't know how we'd accommodate them."

David Conrad, who owns property that neighbors the MEC to the east, asked a variety of questions about how the landscaping would

buffer his home and other homes to the east. He also charged that the variety of lilac that was planned to buffer the eastern border was a "dwarf" and would not adequately screen the homes.

The MCC's landscape designer Douglas Hills said that, while Conrad was correct and the plants would leave gaps between them, it did not mean that the eastern border had an inadequate buffer.

"I do not think that a wall of vegetation is the best way to go," said Hills. "We're relying on a variety of barriers to buffer the homes, not just these plantings."

Among those buffers, Hills said, was a seven-foot solid wood fence.

"We're using a combination of elements to screen the homes," Hills said. "Such as the fence, evergreens and the lilacs. I don't believe a wall of vegetation is attractive screening."

Resident Ronald Friedman was frustrated because he said that the sign advertising the hearing that is required for all other such cases, was only posted for a limited time on the MEC property. However, Village Planner Bonnie Jacobson said that the signs were posted and then vanished.

"The signs were posted in accordance with the ordinance," she said. "It was posted outside at the request of the neighbors and it disappeared magically from the property. So we posted it again inside the MEC building."

Friedman was also concerned that an addition to the MCC's school would exacerbate traffic problems related to standing school buses parked in front of the adjacent Molloy School.

However, the MCC's traffic engineer Peter Olesen said it was not his job to resolve long-standing issues of traffic, but to evaluate the impact of the new development. This impact, he said, would be positive since the plan allowed for two entrances, one off of Menard and the other off of Theobald. This would, he believed, decrease traffic at the intersection of Theobald and Menard, making it safer.

Some of the questioners pointed out that the MCC knew when the traffic counts were to be conducted. They called for an independent traffic count. They also asked whether Olesen's conclusions anticipated future growth at the site and he said he based his counts on an anticipated enrollment of 240 students, which the MEC has not yet reached.

Kaiseruddin also indicated that much of the growth anticipated for the school would be in the upper grades and since the upper grades currently had smaller enrollment it would not require additional space or teachers.

Those who filed as interested parties will be able to make cases of their own at the October Plan Commission hearings on the project. Because of consideration of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan that could begin as early as Oct. 14, there was some confusion as to the final dates. Additionally, scheduling conflicts with other organizations at the American Legion Civic Center, caused further consternation.

The final dates set for the hearings are Tuesday, Oct. 12 and Thursday, Oct. 14. If additional time is required, Monday, Oct. 18 and Tuesday, Oct. 19 have been scheduled.

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# Oh What a Knight

## Maine South beats Glenbrook South 34-12

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It wasn't Tyler Knight's turn to quarterback the Hawks. That was supposed to come next year when he was a senior. But thanks to a Sean Price collarbone injury last week, Knight will lead the Maine South Hawks for the remainder of the season. The question was could he lead this team on the same track Price had planned. Against the Glenbrook South Titans the answer was a resounding yes.

Knight quickly eased the minds of Hawk fans on his first drive. He completed his first pass and proceeded to go five of six for 52 yards. The drive was capped by an Andy Cupp run for a touchdown, and the Hawks were on their way.

"I'm just filling in for Sean," Knight said. "Those are some big shoes

to fill. I'm glad the offensive line took me under their wing and the receivers and coaches had confidence in me."

Knight was right in giving alot of credit to the offensive line. The boys up front created a gaping hole for Cupp to score a second touchdown on a 76 yard run, and enough time for Knight to throw his first touchdown pass to receiver Derek Walsh before the first quarter had ended.

In their first three drives the Hawks scored easily against the Titans. Hawk fans breathed a sigh of relief realizing that though the quarterback had changed, they still had the same talented offensive line, running backs, and receivers that Price had been leading.

Coach Dave Inserra was



(Above) Maine South running back Jake Bachmeier fights off a tackler as heads for a first down in the first quarter of their game against Glenbrook South Thursday night September 23 at Glenbrook South.

extremely proud in how Knight performed under pressure in the first quarter to settle the doubts. Knight finished the game 18 for 28 for 237 yards and two touchdowns.

"If we struggled in that first quarter there might be some doubts," he worried. "Maybe some fans getting a little down,

or even the team. When he responded in that first quarter it just took the pressure right off his shoulders."

The defense then needed to step up to keep that pressure off Knight for the remainder of the game. The Hawk's first team defense didn't allow points against it the entire game with

the only Titan scores coming on special teams and late in the fourth quarter when the first team had already been replaced.

The defense even helped pad the score with an interception late in the third quarter. Walsh with two touchdowns already under his belt on offense, broke

on a ball intended for Titan receiver Maloney John. Streaking up the left side of the field Walsh avoided a few tacklers and tip toed down the sideline to bring the score to a back breaking 34-6 in favor of the

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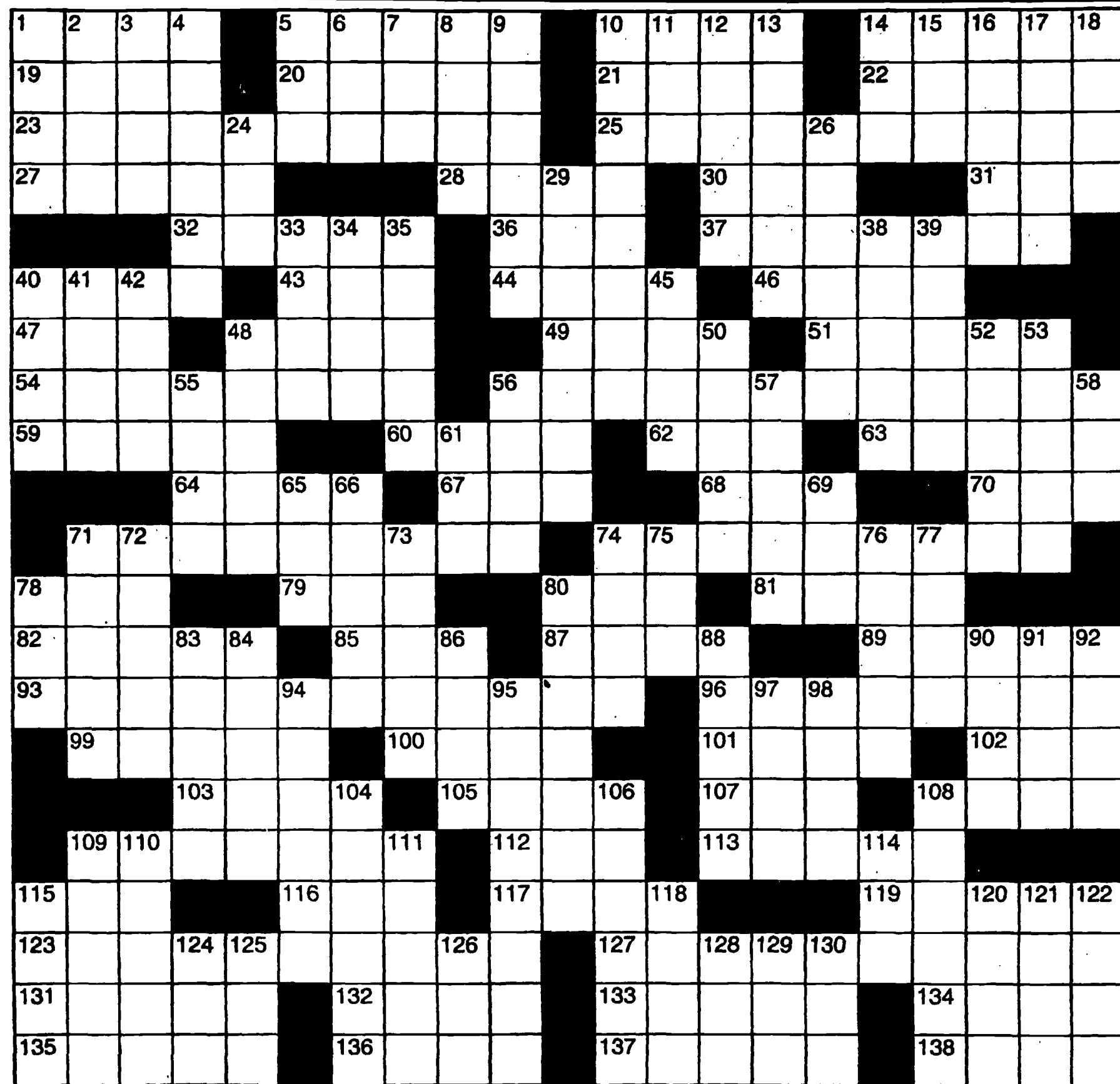
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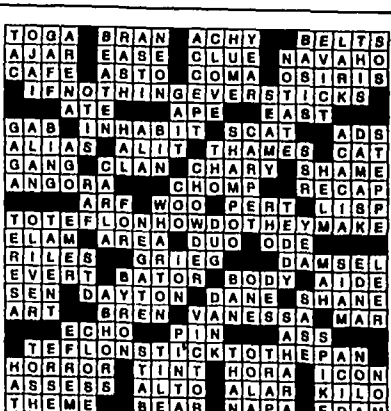
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## BUSINESS

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## Dollars and sense

by David Uffington

## Recalculating Time

B.H. asks if anyone has noticed that credit-card companies seem to have shortened the time available to pay monthly bills. He writes in part, "I used to receive my bill at least 10 days before payment was due. (Now) it seems I barely take it out of my mailbox and I find I have less than a week to get my payment in. ... (And because) of the shortened time, I had to pay a late fee of \$25 and an interest payment of \$10." The fact is, a number of credit-card companies have begun to shorten the turnaround period for repayment. That means when you check your statement each month, you should not only look for errors in billing, but also carefully note the payment due date, and make sure you meet it. Otherwise, as B.H. discovered, it can cost you a lot of money. And

keep in mind that B.H.'s late fee of \$25 was probably a bargain, at least at the time, since \$40 and higher appears to be the more typical amount these days. Also be aware that a late payment for any reason — including being unwittingly caught in the company's recalculated time warp — could affect your other accounts. Credit-card issuers talk to each other. If Ace Credit Card Co. notes a late payment on your account, it will also be noted by Duece and Trey card companies, and they might well then hike your interest payments. Their explanation is that they're looking to protect themselves from what they perceive is a pattern of lateness on your part that could affect their bottom lines. The fact is, they're looking for an excuse to fatten those bottom lines with the added income they'll rake in from hiked fees and increased interest charges. As always, your comments are appreciated.

Write to Mr. Uffington in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475 or send e-mail to letters.kfws@hearstsc.com.

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## Grand Opening at Niles Chamber

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## Understanding how bonds work

Bonds can satisfy a variety of investment needs, for instance, providing additional income and diversification in your portfolio. But do you know what you are buying when you purchase a bond or a bond mutual fund?

Governments and corporations must raise money to expand or finance particular projects. These organizations sell bonds as a method of borrowing money. When you invest in a bond, you are lending money to its issuer. The bond is issued for a fixed period of time (maturity date) that can range from 13 weeks to 30 years. The issuer will make fixed-interest payments to you over the life of the bond and will pay you the face value of the bond when it matures.

There are several types of

bonds on the market. The most common are as follows:

U.S. Treasury bonds - The federal government sells bonds to finance its debt. They are backed by the "full faith and credit" of the U.S. government and are therefore regarded as the most conservative investments available. Interest received is tax-free at the state level but is subject to federal income tax.

Municipal bonds - State and local governments might use the funds for the construction of schools, roads, and land conservation. The interest from municipal bonds is usually exempt from federal and state income tax. This tax-free status should be taken into consideration when comparing municipals to taxable investments.

GSE - Government-sponsored

enterprise securities are sold by government agencies like Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and Ginnie Mae. This money is used to fund loans for special borrowers such as farmers, homebuyers, and students.

Corporate bonds - Companies often need money to build or improve facilities, pay off old debt, to acquire other firms, or for other expansion purposes. Interest from corporate bonds is taxable at the state and federal levels. Corporate bonds usually pay higher interest rates than government bonds.

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## Create an 'Old World' Look With Tumbled Pavers

Many homeowners choose pavers for their patios and other outdoor areas

(NUI) - Are you looking to spruce up your outdoor space? If so, you're not alone.

Trends in home improvement indicate that outdoor spaces, such as patios, continue to be just as important to market appeal and value as the gourmet kitchen and luxury bathroom.

Smart Money magazine estimates that landscaping and "hardscaping" can increase home values by as much as 15 percent. According to the National Association of Realtors, outdoor rooms can deliver a 77 percent return on investment at sale time, and they're less expensive per square foot than additions or kitchen or bath remodels.

But there's one idea in particular that's attracting the attention of homeowners.

"A fast-growing trend in landscape design is reproducing the charm of historic 'Main Street USA' - cobbled streets in warm, earthy colors - at home," said Ted Corvey, paver director



of Pine Hall Brick, a national supplier of clay pavers.

In the past, consumers wanting an antique look in clay pavers relied on recycled sources - pavers harvested

If you want to create historic, Old World charm in your back yard, you can find an alternative solution to recycled brick in Pine Hall Brick's new line of tumbled pavers called "Rumbled."

Pine Hall Brick has developed an innovative process of putting the pavers through a large tumbler that rounds the edges while maintaining consistency of strength and sizing. These tumbled clay pavers, which are available in five colors, also are a popular choice for pathways and driveways.

"Our Rumbled pavers simply perform better than recycled clay pavers, and they have that natural, historic look people love," Corvey said. Clay pavers also are often easier to install than wood decks or poured concrete, Corvey said.

"Despite popular misconception, brick is easy for do-it-yourselfers to install," he said. "In fact, an average patio can be completed in a weekend if you purchase materials in advance."



## Septic System Maintenance

Q: We just bought a home out in the country that uses a septic system rather than sewer service. The seller said that all we need to do to keep the system working well is to put an additive down the toilet once a month. Is there anything else we need to know? — Sarah and Calvin Y., Gadsden, Ala.

A: There are a few things you need to know, and a few things you need to do immediately, to make sure the septic system is really working as efficiently as the former owner claims it is. First, a quick course on septic systems. In a home that isn't hooked up to a municipal sewer system, liquid and solids drain from the home's central drain waste vent into a submerged tank, located outside the house and ideally at a higher level than the ground beyond it. This tank is a very efficient primary waste processing unit. Wastewater and solid waste "rest" in the tank, separating into three distinct tiers: solids in the bottom, liquids in the center and a crusty, funky foam at the top. Bacteria at all three levels

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## Building a deck may be easier than you think

(NUI) - Do you wish you could add an extra room to your house, but you don't want to spend the money? Is your back yard plain and boring?

Outdoor amenities like redwood decks, trellises, privacy screens and benches can take the place of an extra room at a fraction of the cost. In addition, a deck increases real estate value and provides a low-maintenance outdoor area that keeps cooling and energy costs down.

When building an addition, such as a redwood deck, the choice of materials is always important. Today, more than ever, families are concerned about the

safety of products around the home. Unlike chemically treated woods and petroleum-based products, redwood heartwood's durability is organic and natural.

If you are thinking about building a redwood deck yourself, you may find deck building easier than you would expect.

First of all, it is important to survey your yard and decide what problems building a deck can solve. Can it level off a sloping or uneven area? Can it turn an unusable side yard into a comfortable outdoor living area? Checking building codes in your area is an important preliminary step.

When working with wood outdoors, remember the type of hard-

ware you use can affect the appearance of your project.

Inferior hardware can cause stains and is unlikely to last as long as the redwood. A variety of joist hangers, patented connectors and deck fasteners are available to help the do-it-yourselfer. It is worth the extra cost to use top-quality, hot-dipped galvanized, stainless steel or aluminum hardware.

Other amenities complete the job of making a living center. Redwood planters, benches, tables and furniture can turn a deck into your "outdoor room." You may want to add a spa, privacy screen, outdoor cooking center or shade trellis.

## New tool line, tips prove women can be handy too

(NUI) - Since many of us remain indoors during the winter months, it's the perfect time to dust off those home repair projects that have been neglected. But, before you call a repairman, consider that you can do many common home repairs yourself.

When it comes to home improvement, do-it-yourself is quickly becoming do-it-herself. More and more women are realizing that this saves time and money. It can enhance your home while also providing a lot of fun.

To enable women to tackle common home repair projects themselves with confidence and success, I have created a line of home improvement products especially for them.

Ergonomically designed for women, the Barbara K tools fit smaller hands and boast spring-assist technology to accommodate a woman's grip. Each tool kit includes a "how-to" booklet with step-by-step instructions. Here is just one of the many home repairs you can do yourself this winter by using the Barbara K tool kit.

Replacing a showerhead: An old showerhead can be replaced effortlessly and can transform the look and feel of your bathroom. For this project, you should purchase a new showerhead and thread sealant, such as Teflon tape, at your hardware store.

Time: about 15 minutes.

Tools: adjustable wrench, new showerhead, thread sealant tape,

rag.

1. Remove the old showerhead. While removing the old showerhead, wrap the showerhead stem with a piece of cloth or a rag to protect the finish. Using a wrench, twist off the old showerhead while holding the shower stem.
2. Prepare for the new showerhead. Wrap the threads at the end of the pipe stem two or three times with thread sealant tape.
3. Install the new showerhead. Use a cloth to protect the showerhead fitting under the wrench. Screw on the new showerhead clockwise until tight. Stand back, turn on the water, test for leaks, and you're finished.

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## Home decorating begins at the front door

(NUI) - The holiday season is the time most people open their doors to visitors. Therefore, it's the perfect incentive to spruce up your home.

For starters, take a look at your entry doors. When adorned with a festive wreath, will your front door impress your visitors?

Doors are the first fixtures guests see up close and they can make or break your home's appeal. A little preholiday maintenance can help guarantee that your home will dazzle all your guests this holiday season.

Jeld-Wen, a manufacturer of reliable windows and doors, offers some tips on how to get your front doors in their best condition to complement your holiday decorations and make your home a showplace:

- \* Carefully examine all entry doors for peeling paint. Do they need to be repainted or stained? Painting and staining does more than beautify the door; it prolongs the life of the door. The finish provides protection from harmful ultraviolet rays in the summer and moisture

from winter storms.

- \* Finish and seal all sides of the doors, including the top and the bottom. Finishing all sides keeps out moisture and prevents doors from bowing and warping.

- \* Properly maintain your door by regularly cleaning and touching up all surfaces, hardware and accessories using a nonabrasive cleaner.

- \* Change the doors to spruce up the entryway. Replace an ordinary door with a carved wood door featuring decorative glass. Or, replace it with a unique, old-world style door featuring metal accents.

Another solution is to go with a lower-maintenance, cost-effective wood composite door like Jeld-Wen's AlternaPlus, or a steel door like the Contours line.

- \* Replace a single entry door with an entry system to add to the home's actual and perceived value. The increased curb appeal and the flood of light into the entryway can make a dramatic change.

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consume and digest the waste products, dissolving them further and adding to the strata. Meanwhile, the liquid in the middle (effluent) drains into wastewater pipes that feed into drainage lines, located down the slope in a prepared field. Layers of gravel and dirt are in place below the sod, and the effluent filters down through these layers, which purify the liquid before it reaches the water table.

Bacteria play a huge role in maintaining a "healthy" septic system, and biological additives are designed to give these bacteria extra "stuff" to munch on in a ploy to increase their productivity. However, too much of a good thing isn't good at all, and in this case, excess additives can disturb the bacteria-to-waste balance.

Sludge can build up much faster than normal, blocking the drain

pipe or seeping into the field (something the drainage lines can't handle). In severe cases, the sludge or foam layers can block the gas vent pipes that normally keep methane gas from building up in the tank, creating a potentially explosive situation. Rather than continuing to put additives into the system and hoping that does the trick, have a septic tank technician come out, inspect the tank and the

drain field, and pump the tank if necessary. Ask him how often a biological additive should be put in — many technicians don't recommend it at all.

**HOME TIP:** To keep a septic system working at peak efficiency, limit use of biological additives and watch what you put down the drains. Put kitchen scraps on the compost pile and throw away grease. Don't put

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chemicals of any kind down the drain — including drain cleaners, bleach and antibacterial soaps. Send questions or home repair tips to homeguru2000@hotmail.com, or write This Is a Hammer, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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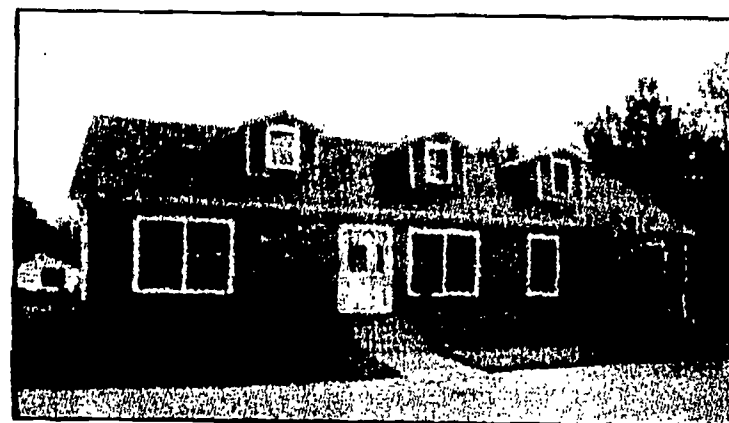
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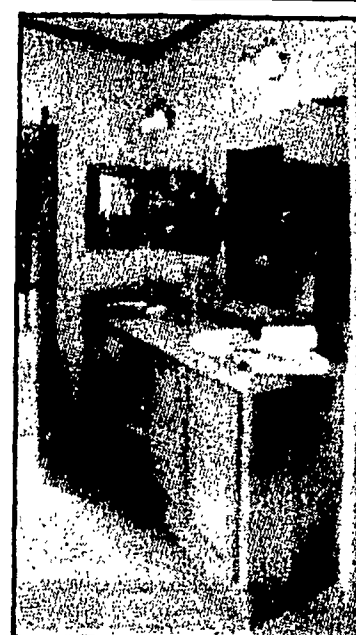
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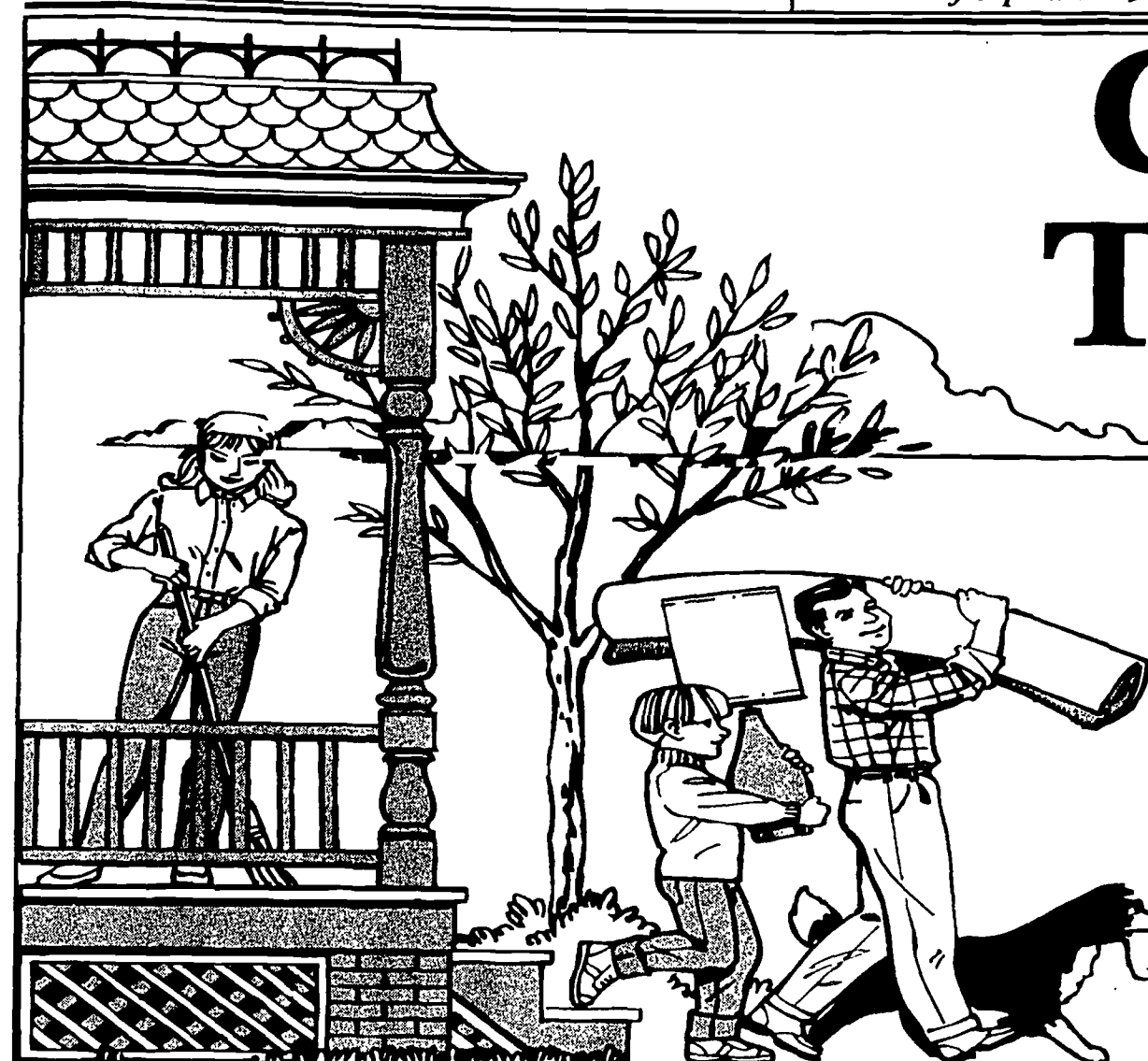
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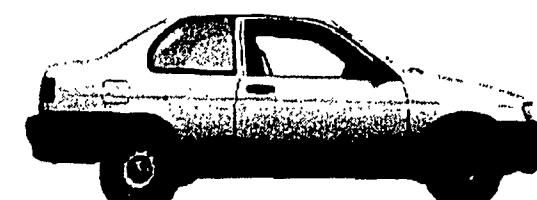
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improved with a single family  
residence. This information is  
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\$183,659.01.  
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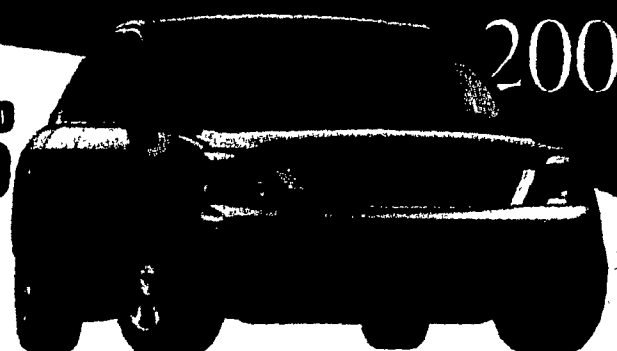
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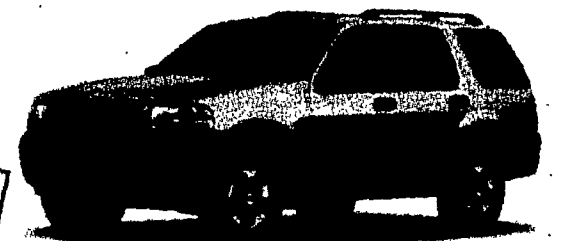
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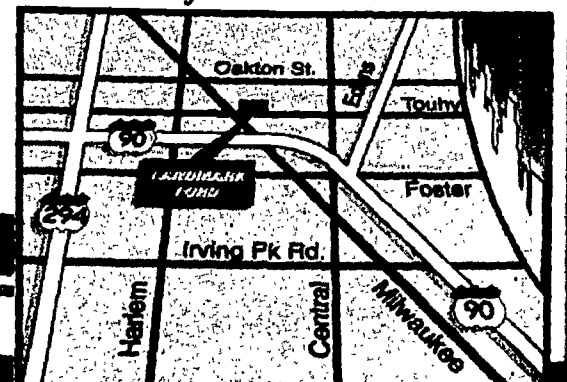


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